# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:139
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HPT & FM BAND FACILITY IN INTERNATIONAL BORDER AREA
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are aware that on the sensitive border districts of Bangladesh, Nepal and Pakistan, the Low Power transmission of Doordarshan is not at all effective;

(b) if so, the measures taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government have given priority to install High PowerTransmission for relay of T.V. Programmes and to provide F.M. band facility in the adjoining areas of the International borders, particularly in the districts adjoining Nepal;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which HPT and FM band facility is likely to be provided in the districts adjoining all International Borders?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE C DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 139 ANSWER ON 03.03.2000.

(a) to (d) : The network of TV transmitters as per details given below areproviding DD programmes to the people living in border areas:

| Area | No. of HPTs | No. of LPTs | No. of VLPTs | No. of Transposers |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Indo-Bangladesh Border | 8 | 21 | 5 | 1 |
| Indo-Nepal Border | 1 | 26 | 7 | - |
| Indo-Pakistan Border | 10 | 25 | 21 | 1 |

On an average, effective range of a typical HPT, LPT and VLPTs is75 Kms, 15 Kms and 5 Kms respectively. However, due to geographical locations and terrain conditions, there may be some pockets where the signal may not be strong enough.

Government is according very high priority for improvement of AIRand DD services in border areas. Accordingly, following TV transmitter projects are under various stages of implementation in these areas:

| Area | No. of HPTs | No. of LPTs | No. of VLPTs | No. of Transposers |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Indo-Bangladesh Border | 6 | 5 | - | 2 |
| Indo-Nepal Border | 1 | 3 | - | - |
| Indo-Pakistan Border | 15+1 (upgradati on of existing | 13 (upgradation of existing | 66+11 | |

transmitter) transmitter)

As far as Radio is concerned, Medium-Wave transmitters arenormally preferred for coverage in border areas due to their longer range. FM transmitters have comparatively shorter range. Following Radiotransmitters are presently providing effective services in the border areas.

| Area | Medium-Wave | FM |
|---|---|---|
| Indo-Bangladesh Border | 12 | 4 |
| Indo-Nepal Boarder | 4 | - |
| Indo-Pakistan Boarder | 8 | - |

With a view to improve these Radio services further, following transmitter projects are under various stages of implementation:

| Area | Medium-Wave | Short-Wave | FM |
|---|---|---|---|
| Indo-Bangladesh Border | 1+1 (replacement of old one) | - | 5 |
| Indo-Nepal Boarder | - | - | 2 |
| Indo-Pakistan Boarder | 10+5 (replacement of old ones) 1 kW with 50 kW) | 1 (replacement of old one) | 2+2 (replacement |

(e): The AIR and Doordarshan projects presently under implementation inthe border districts of the country are expected to be completed in phases by the end of IX Plan period.